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AGCA

In a letter sent to the Italian news agency ANSA, Mehmet Ali Agca appealed to the U.N. secretary-general to try to seek her freedom.

The girl, Emanuela Orlandi, was kidnapped in Rome in June 1983 when she was 15. After her disappearance, anonymous callers threatened to kill her unless Agca was freed.

"The world is wondering who are the mysterious kidnappers," Agca wrote in what he called an open letter to the world press.

He said perhaps they were the Gray Wolves, a Turkish right-wing group with which he is suspected to have had links, or "undefined elements of international terrorism."

He went on: "Probably they are secret sectors of the CIA or the KGB which easily escape any control by political powers. Whoever they are they should know that the policy of confusion and distraction will only worsen the entire world."

Agca is serving a life sentence for shooting and wounding the pope in St. Peter's Square in 1981.